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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH, 1878.

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PRICE 2/- PER MONTH.

## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

July 23, MADELINE, French bark, 400 Pa.-teas, Newcastle, N.S.W., 6th June, Coal.—VOGL, HAGEDORN & Co.

July 23, FORTNAVE, British ship, 633 G. B. Taylor, Newcastle, N.S.W., 6th June, Coal.—VOGL, HAGEDORN & Co.

July 23, EKOBENHAVN, Danish steamer, 117, Grove, Haiphong 19th July, General-SMITH & Co.

July 23, CRESSWELL, Brit bark, 464, White-Lingding 29th June, Rice—WILSON & Co.

July 23, ALBERT, British str., 1,086, C. Darnell, Saigon 19th July, General-MAYER & Co.

July 23, CONDOR, German brig, 241, Götting-Wilhamo General-WIELER & Co.

July 23, LANDSEER, American ship, 1,116, Knowles, Liverpool 12th March, Coal—D. LAMPK & Co.

July 23, VIOLENT, British paddle despatch-boat, Lieutenant-Commander Annesley-trial trip.

### CLEARANCES.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, July 23rd, Ema, British bark, for Foochow. Ocean Rover, British schooner, for Foochow.

### DEPARTURES.

July 23, VIOLENT, British paddle despatch-boat, for a cruise.

July 23, St. IAGO, Fren. br., for Whampoa.

July 23, DARE, British str., for Bangkok.

July 23, NAVASIN, American bark, for San Francisco.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per Kiboksan, str., from Haiphong—Messrs. Golot and Pedersen (French Tonkin Missionaries) and Mr. Yettig, and 20 Chinese.  
Per Aberton, str., from Saigon—2 French and 69 Chinese.

### REPORTS.

The French bark *Mesdames* reports left Nowcastle, N.S.W., on 6th June, and had fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Aberton* reports left Saigon on 16th June. The French *S. V. M.* followed, high winds with full and heavy weather, a short time to Hongkong, strong S.W. monsoon and passing showers. Left in port the morning.

The Danish steamship *Kjeldsen* reports left Haiphong at 2 o'clock P.M. on 16th June, high S.E. winds until Monday morning, thence to port fresh S.W. monsoon and cloudy weather. In port the steamship *ZumJungho*, German bark, *Teddo* and *Louise*.

14 S. and long 150 E. crossed the Equator on the 25th in long 158 E. ran down the Easting in 4 N. with moderate E. winds, passed through the Balingtang Channel on 17th July, thence to port light S.E. winds and strong N.E. currents.

### SINGAPORE SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.  
3. Manlana, British steamer, from HKong. Glarus Castle, British str., from Amoy. Elgin, British steamer, from Penang.

Timor, Dutch steamer, from Rio. Surat, British steamer, from Bombay. Tambora, Dutch steamer, from Aboen. Cheang II, Kian, Brit. str., from Peang. Cyrene, British str., from Foochow.

C. S. Wet, Dutch str., from Samarang. Lochin, Steamer brig, from Ternate. Subanah, British steamer, from Batavia. Euphrates, British str., from Calcutta.

S. W. Mackinnon, Brit. str., from Batavia. Bangkok, Siamese str., from Bangkok. Cutty, British steamer, from Palembang. S. Amore, British steamer, from Peang. S. Amore, Dutch steamer, from Rio. Leixao, British bark, for Marsella.

G. Con. Goan, British str., for Samara. Hammonia, German brig, for Shanghai. Boudi, British steamer, for Penang. Sundas, British steamer, for Bombay. Cyrene, British steamer, for London. Maricella, British steamer, for Leith. H. London, Dutch steamer, for Batavia.

Glory, British str., from Malacca. B. Bruce, British str., from S. Amore. Paknam, British steamer, from Saigon. Fontain, British str., from Pontianak. High, British steamer, from Rangoon. Illawarra, British steamer, from Shields.

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NH Desparsum, Brit. br., for Macassar. Glory, British str., for Batavia.

Ethan Allen, American bark, for Manila. Kruunuhait, British bark, for Manila.

### VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date).  
Penit. (Arrived). London, May 12. Gransha, (Arrived). Finsbury, May 14. Alice D. Cooper, (Arrived). Finsbury, May 15. Heinrich Rintzenberg, Hamburg, May 20. Vaughan, (Arrived). Cardiff, May 20. Herold, (Arrived). Hamburg, May 20. Henderson, (Arrived). London, May 22. Hart, (Arrived). Liverpool, May 23. Horne, (Arrived). Liverpool, May 23. Oracle, (Arrived). Liverpool, May 23. Mary Fraser, (Arrived). Cardiff, May 23. Manila II, (Arrived). Hamburg, April 3. Branford, (Arrived). Newcastle, April 3. Maritime Union, (Arrived). Cardiff, April 6. Peninsular, (Arrived). New York, April 9. Hamburg, (Arrived). Antwerp, April 15. Dartmouth, (Arrived). Liverpool, April 15. Invincible, (Arrived). Liverpool, April 15. Rosie Welt, (Arrived). Liverpool, April 23. Ada Mademoiselle, (Arrived). London, May 1. Melrose, (Arrived). Liverpool, May 2. Cosmo, (Arrived). Penarth, May 3. Zengari, (Arrived). Antwerp, May 3. Imperiale Ellerstraete, (Arrived). Liverpool, May 5. Challenge, (Arrived). Cardiff, May 5. Southern Cross, (Arrived). Penarth, May 6. Napier, (Arrived). Cardiff, May 6. Don Quixote, (Arrived). Penarth, May 12. Vorone, (Arrived). New York, May 14. Lord Massaury, (Arrived). Hamburg, May 17. Finsbury, (Arrived). Cardiff, May 17. Niagara, (Arrived). Onward, May 18. Corriente, (Arrived). Newcastle, May 18. Norden (A), (Arrived). Hamburg, May 25. Banian, (Arrived). London, May 26. London, (Arrived). June 1. Djemah (A), (Arrived). Marseilles, June 1.

### AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. At 1 P.M. Saint Grand Piano and Cottontail Piano.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

### NOTICE.

HAVING left the Port of Misra, W.H.P., on our own account, under the Style and Title of ROBERT AFOK & Co., we beg to inform our Friends and the Public generally that any Order they may favour us with will meet with our prompt attention.

BOB AND JACK.

37, Praya Central, Hongkong, 30th May, 1878. [Im1215]

### NOTIFICATION.

I beg to notify that I have RESUMED

BUSINESS at TAMAR and KUNMING in North Formosa, under the style or firm of "DODD & Co."

TAMAR, 17th April, 1878. JOHN DODD.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of

MR. ARTHUR CHARLTON in our Firm

CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1878. [Im1091]

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of

MR. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China CEASED on the

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RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1878. [Im1212]

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RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8th, 1878. [Im1438]

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of

MR. ROBERT DEROSS has been authorized

to SIGN our FIRM per pro-cre-

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JULIUS MANNICH & Co.

Takow, Formosa, 6th July, 1878. [Im1209]

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## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, having become LESSEE of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" and its business connected therewith, will conduct the name of its own account from this date.  
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX.  
Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

## NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING  
CHEMISTS.  
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and his Royal Highness the DUKE of EDINBURGH,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,  
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,  
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRY,  
And  
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,  
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON and Co., at their HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [17]

## NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business to "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 24TH, 1878.

YESTERDAY we called attention to the importance of measures being taken to preserve the infant forests which have been planted, and those which are to be formed shortly in the Colony. The influence of trees on the climate is so great and obvious that it is simply marvellous that greater efforts were not made in past times in this direction.

Had there been a Mr. Price at the head of the Surveyor-General's Department twenty years ago there might now be more foliage on the slopes of the island; but the importance of arboriculture was not recognised in those days, and nothing was done outside the city to redeem the hills from their sterile appearance.

Nowadays, with the advance of science, this question is everywhere being discussed, and in a short time all civilised Governments will make it one of their great

objects to reclaim the waste places in their boundaries.

Man's improvidence and ignorance has in nearly every part of the world turned once fertile country into barren wastes, but there are tens of thousands of acres of such land which may be irrigation and planting be rendered available for cultivation.

Attempts to prove the favourable influence of forests on rainfall and climate are plentiful, and even actual facts are not wanting.

One related by a contemporary is well worthy of notice. The Wolf Spring, situated in the commune of Soucy, in France, is in the middle of a steep pasture inclining to the south. When first observed, the spring was but a small thread of water running after long rains, but disappearing with their cessation. Eighty years ago, the owner of the land, seeing that some firs were shooting up towards the northern end, allowed them to grow, and they presently formed a flourishing grove.

As soon as this was well grown, a line spring appeared in place of the occasional

hill, and furnished abundant water in the longest drought. For forty or fifty years, the spring was considered the best in Oloron-Sainte-Marie.

A few years back the grove was felled, and the land turned again into pasture.

The spring disappeared altogether, and the place is now as dry as it was ninety years ago. Trees and forests help the formation of springs and water-sources not only by the humidity they produce and the condensation of vapour by refrigeration, but also by reason of the obstacles which they present to the evaporation of water in the soil itself; while the roots moreover, by dividing the soil, make it porous and facilitate filtration.

Hongkong is famous for its numerous clear streams, but most of them dry up altogether or are reduced to a mere thread if there is a long drought. There can be no doubt that they would be of a much more permanent character if they ran through forests. They would dry up much sooner than they do now, but for the fact that nearly every watercourse is take or less overgrown with bushes and small trees which have sprung up along their channels. The new forests which we hope to see created in a few years will undoubtedly increase the supply of water, temper the heat in summer, and render prolonged droughts impossible.

We regret to find, through Reuter's agency, that the irrepressible Mr. Gladstone has thought fit to try and set up an agitation in England against the Treaty of Paris just concluded through the labours of the European Congress. It is difficult to understand what the carpings ex-Premier would have wished or advocated. The task of the British Government was a most difficult one; in fact, it at one time seemed impossible that a peaceful settlement of that most intricate of problems the Eastern Question could be effected. That the Cabinet have for a time at least averted a general European conflagration, and at the same checkmated Russia on most points, is a proof of their moderation, their tact, and their firmness. It is impossible to know what part England would have played at this crisis if Mr. Gladstone had been in power; but whatever policy he might have adopted, we think the Empire has cause to be profoundly thankful that its destiny is not in such hands. There are some points in the settlement arrived at which all true Englishmen must deplore, among them being the cession of Batavia and the retrocession of Bessarabia to Russia. But, as Lord Beaconsfield urges, these are not matters which England would be justified in fighting for single-handed, especially after

Russia has made such large concessions on her original demands. Then, again, though the claims of Greece have been somewhat lost sight of in the creation of a Bulgarian state out of Roumania, yet this may be rectified by the Greek element of the population—which is at once the most numerous and influential—forcing its way to the front and ultimately converting this southern Bulgaria into a Greek province. The extension of Greek territory at all is probably due entirely to English and Italian influence; Russia never intended any enlargement of the borders of the Hellenic Kingdom. The decisions of the Congress cannot give universal satisfaction; they have been arrived at by a series of compromises made to avoid another great war. But it was clearly impossible for any one Power to insist upon Russia disengaging the whole of her prey, and therefore in criticising the action of the British Government at the Congress this fact should not be overlooked. Considering the cost in blood and treasure entailed upon her by the war with Turkey, we think Russia has conceded more than might have been expected even under the pressure brought to bear upon her.

Master Lloyd and Oberle's Indian tea report states that the quantity of Indian tea imported into London from the 1st of January to the 1st of May this year was 14,325,000 lbs., as compared with 9,075,000 lbs. imported in the corresponding period of last year.

The British ship *Fonthill*, Captain Taylor, and the French *Le Terrier*, Captain Pataud, left Newcastle N.S.W. on the 11th ulto with coal for Messrs. Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. They both arrived here yesterday morning, having within one or two hours of each other, did not see one another until their arrival at this port. They were forty-six days on the passage.

The paddle-steamer-boat *Vigilant*, Lieutenant Commander Ansdale, went out yesterday for a trial trip. She returned to harbour last evening after a most successful trial. The new shaft, which was made by Mr. Hobbs, of the Naval Yard, from an old shaft which it may be remembered was found beneath some coal at the F. & G. O.C. The piece of workmanship is a proof of what the engineers are capable of doing when put to the test. Mr. Hobbs is now a man of high energy and has saved the country a large sum of money.

Yesterday morning, about seven o'clock, the British bark *Friendship*, Captain Norris, which had been lying at anchor, went whaling at Wanchi, being towed by two tugs. Between the *Opasian* and the shore. The vessel was driving sixteen feet fore inches of water, and when about 300 yards to the westward of the *Opasian* she struck the ground and stuck. Every effort was made to get her off in deep water but without effect. The tugs then wanted about three hours more to abeam. At nine o'clock the water had left the ship fore and aft, and at half past twelve the water left nearly one foot. As the water efforts were again made to float her but without success. Late last night she was still aground. A Chinese pilot was in charge of the time the vessel grounded.

Dr. Silvester gave his second entertainment in the Theatre Royal on Monday night to an audience which was much smaller than the merit of the talented performers deserved. Although small however, the audience was cordially an appreciative one and the entranced lady in their audience graced the occasion with forth enthusiasm, and a party of fair fountain workers well in this occasion made a very pleasant evening. The doctor was followed with a hearty welcome between the *Opasian* and the shore.

The other items on the programme were given through with more or less ability and the entertainment on the whole was a most success except as to the patronage it received. This latter circumstance may be explained by the fact that the manager of the theatre, Mr. P. T. Barnum, is a man of great energy and a good business man.

Mr. P. T. Barnum then accepted of £600 to hard to draw up a memorandum of charters and request witness to sign it. Mr. Bernhard went to another part of the office and Mr. Pustau went with him. In a short time the memorandum was brought by Mr. Bernhard for witness to sign, and Mr. Pustau came back shortly afterwards. (The memorandum was signed in.) Witness initialed the memo. and gave it to Mr. Bernhard. Mr. Bernhard then said in an aside, "I will give it to you to take to Mr. Pustau." Witness then left and met Captain Carson and arranged with him to have his name put on the charter, which was done the following day, the 3rd. He agreed to pay Captain Carson £15 per month while the ship was in port and £20 for taking the ship home. He would not have made this arrangement with Captain Carson if he had not succeeded in getting him to sign the memorandum.

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SALE ON JULY 23RD, AS REPORTED BY CHINESE.

Shanghai—5 cases, at \$38.00, by Kwong Fook.

Wo to travelling trader.

Mischaus—10 cases, at \$33.00, by Kwong Fook Wo to travelling trader.

Shanghai—100 bundles, at \$7.20, by Kwong Fook.

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Dried Lily Flowers—10 bars, at \$10.20, by Kwong Fook Wo to travelling trader.

White Wax—3 pieces, at \$33.50, by Kwong Fook Wo to travelling trader.

LIONG-KONG TEMPERATURE.

Normal Height 54° 1' 10" (60° 1' 10") July 23rd.

Buoyance +1.4 m. 20.03

Buoyance -1.4 m. 20.94

Thermometer -1.4 m. 51

Thermometer +1.4 m. 67

Thermometer -1.4 m. (Wet bulb) 76

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Thermometer -Minimum over night 88

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YESTERDAYS WEATHERS.

July 23rd.

HONG KONG. HABOUR. SHANGHAI. NANKIN.

BAROMETER. THERMOMETER. HYGROMETER.

WET THERMOMETER. WIND. RAIN. QUANTITY.

## EXTRACTS.

MR. BROWNING'S NEW BOOK.

Mr. Robert Browning's new volume, "La Soubise," The Two Posts of Crois," (London: Smith, Elder, and Co.) was published on Wednesday. The following is the introductory stanza:

"Good, to forgive;  
Fast forget;

"Living, we live;

"Fractes and fee;

"Soul, thy pinions;

"Earth, have dominion;

"Body, o'er thee!"

II.

"Wander at will;

"Day after day;

"Wander away;

"Soul that quenches;

"Body, thy slumber;

"Soul, thy sweet repose."

III.

"Wings of softest wing!

"What lies above?

"Enthroned Love;

"Skyline and Spring!

"Body, like a wheel;

"Form of all feathers;

"Moses and heather;

"Yours to the care!"

## "THE OWL THEY SAY WAS A BAKER'S DAUGHTER."

"And the owl," they say, "was a baker's daughter." All night long she sat up to get ready the little leaves that on their way to their tell the workmen would call in for daybreak, and only fresh from the oven would they have them. And so, when all the world else had just risen from bed to begin the day, the baker's daughter was blinking sleep. But though owl-like, why was she actually turned into an owl? Have you heard the legend? It was in the days when Pan was king of all the country side, that Hermes, bound on private business to Potos by the blue Zephren was passing wistfully along the stony road. The deahs shrilled to him from the dusty arbusts bushes; and Helios, curious of his object, stared after him with all his might, and Hermes was very hot. His caudous curiously wished with open slant seen him but a common staff. Under clumsy sandals his dipteron beds went unsuspected, and tucked up beneath his broad-brimmed hat the golden locks—Man's pride—lay sung. He seemed but a bucolic agriculturist, a comely lad enough, going up, it might be, to give account to his master of the farm upon the Dithyramn hill. At the turn of the road he came upon a baker's stall, and dozing under the awning sate, blushing at the sunlight, the baker's daughter, a round faced, mealy wench. And right tempting to the thirsty god looked the cool grape clusters and the Persic peaches in their amber syrup. But he had no money. So trusting to his comely face to get him a bunch of grapes, he stopped before the stall. The round-faced one only blushed. "I am very hot," said he, and "Ugh!" replied the drowsy wench. "And very thirsty," and "Ugh!" said she. "Will you give me a bunch of grapes?" smiled he, but "Ugh! ugh!" was all she gave. At which the handsome master of the stall and moved away, but lost temper (tantrou) and moved away, but hearing a sleepy chuckle behind him, turned his head in hope. "Ugh!" said she. "Ugh! ugh!" retorted he, "ay, Ugh! ugh!" for eye, and proper language enough for you. You do not like the sun? So be it." But "Ugh!" again said she. Then Hermes went on to Potos, hotter than ever, cursing the sun that shone, the cicadas that shrilled, and the hazards that haled on the road. In the cool evening, with Hesperus overhead, he passed again the corner where stood the baker's stall. And on the awning-post thereto sate a round-faced, blinking bird. "Ugh," cried the god to the owl; and "Ugh, ugh!" replied the baker's daughter. "So be it you never heard that legend before.—In my Indian Garden By Phil.

## OLD-FASHIONED VIENNA.

If there is anything of the past that one may be excused for regretting, it is the Vienna that we used to know down to some dozen years back. It was then that those contrasts, to which we have made allusion, struck you so forcibly at every turn. The citizens were exiled and confined, and the city was in some of its aspects. Though the fortifications had been dismantled, they had not been removed; the inhabitants were cramped within an enclose that reminded them of days comparatively recent, when the Turcs came periodically to beleaguer their walls, and the Marchfeld was the habitual battle-ground of the Eastern Question. The proud aristocracy of Europe lived in the very centre of the commercial quarter, looking out from the window of their salons of state on rookeries that were crowded by the hard-working artisans. There was literally no elbow-room to be had for love or money. There was no throwing out a wing or alighting a gable without interfering with the lights or rights of a neighbour; and you had to pick your way along the most fashionable street on the narrow border of flags that was the merest pretence for a pavement. The wheels of the carriages, when the weather was wet, cast showers of mud on the unfortunate passengers as on the windows of the court shopkeepers. When the wealthiest nobles were so indifferently housed according to our Western notions, of course their inferiority was by no means particular. "We have inhabited the gloomy interior of rather expensive lodgings in the Kürthner Strasse, and could judge by their internal appointments of the dwellings of the well-to-do middle classes. In short, light and air were not to be had upon any terms, and the tenants at small stow by such modern conveniences as water and drainage. You had some idea of the habits of the Viennese in their homes when you groped your way into one of the restaurants they frequented. These restaurants still exist and thrive on the strength of their time-honoured reputations side by side with more showy rivals. A popular chop-house in the city of London was a palace of ease compared to one of those old-fashioned Vienna eating houses at noon-day. Packed together like a congregation of swine in a railway truck, these worthy Viennese could be easily distinguished through the dense column of vapour that rose from their savoury food, or rolled up through dark subterranean passages from the vaulted kitchens below. The censuses clatter of knives and the clink of beer-glasses made the horrors of the hazy pandemonium more intense. And if these things were done in the green tree, what was done in the dry? If that was the way of life well-to-do people, who patronised establishments in the most frequented streets, one may imagine what it was when you penetrated into the labyrinth of lanes where the industrial and dangerous classes were huddled together, or when you made your way into the quarter of the Jews, that slopes down towards the arm of the Danube. The decrepit houses, piled stage over stage, threatened to topple over into each other's arms; the open gutters came with a rush after rain down the rugged acclivities of ill-paved gasses to flood the pools that were stagnating at the bottom. There was no trapping or covering of sewer; it was seldom, indeed, that the scavenger penetrated thither, and as for the odours that tainted the air, the reeks of the City of the Virgins were a trials to them!—From *Blochwood's Magazine*.

## MOTTOES.

Mme de Genlis is reported to have said that every one should go through life with a motto attached to his name; not an inherited motto, but a motto of his own devising, which, truly or falsely born, would in either case be an indication of the ideal held in view by the bearer. Considering it her great mission to write books for the instruction of children, Mme de Gonfie adopted as her own motto, "Je me consacre pour l'éducation." with a lighted candle for emblem. This was witty and appropriate. M. Capoet, on the other hand, the distinguished tenor, has with a humour which soon will think exaggerated, taken for emblem the inappropriate figure of a duck, with for motto the motto of Norman-French origin. Nor do more than a very few French families bear any English motto—become naturalized, this may be explained by the fact that the Englishmen who were there in occupation, if they had any motto at all, would have had mottoes of Norman-French origin. Nor do many English mottoes become naturalized, this may be explained by the fact that the German province of Alsace was a French possession. Possibly many of the German families of noble origin left the Alsatian territory when it passed under the dominion of the French. Or becoming thoroughly French in sentiment and spirit, as the Alsatians after a time notoriously did, they may have discarded their German mottoes for French ones, or simply have translated them into French. The French have borrowed a great many military terms from the Germans, which may have come to them either from the Alsatians or from the Germans.

"Lou solon mi int'ante," which being interpreted signifies, "The sun makes us sing," a thought which would doubtless meet with the approval of Dr. von Billow, who holds that England is too sunless a land to produce great composers; though he might find it difficult to explain how, in face of such a theory, England has (as Lord Beaconsfield lately remarked) produced a greater number of poets than any other country.

The ingenious and prolific French dramatist, the late Eugene Scribe, on starting his carriage, invented for the panels a crest and motto, of which the former, an inkstand with two pens crossed above it, fitted both the name and the occupation of the successful "scribe." The motto, however, "Inde fortune et libertas," was less happy. As a matter of fact, Scribe's pen had given him wealth and independence, and, for the sake of the independence which accompanies it, wealth is doubtless well worth striving for. Scribe's motto must all the same be considered as the boast of a dramatist who had used his art, consciously and primarily, as a means of making money. Mme de Genlis would have said that, whether or not it did honour to Scribe, Scribe's motto was interesting to others as throwing light on the character of the man who had deliberately assumed it. Mme de Genlis loved to think that she "consumed herself to enlighten others." Scribe was pleased to regard his pen as a magical instrument which gave value to every piece of paper it touched.

Count von Molte made himself, after the war of 1857, a motto which, not very striking and not at all original, serves nevertheless to give some idea of his character and of the character of his strategy. "Beneath many of the photographs of this warrior sold so numerously in Germany after his return to Berlin in 1871 may be seen a facsimile of his signature, preceded by these words: "Erst wagen, dann wagen." "First waken, then risk," the phrase might be translated; or, familiarly and not quite exactly, "Look before you leap."

Count von Blaauw, long before he had become a personage of European celebrity, adopted when he was a young man at St. Petersburg a motto which, after quitting the Russian capital, he probably dropped. Unlike the great majority of Ministers accredited to the Court of Russia, Blaauw went much into Russian society, learned the Russian language, which he said is good authority to have mastered after six months' hard study of several hours a day, familiarized himself, in short, by all possible means with every detail of Russian society. His signature, "Nichtewo!" in the sense of "It matters not," nothing!"—in the sense of "It matters not," nothing!"—Russia, Nihilism, had a much profounder meaning than Western observers attributed to it. The most remarkable duel that ever came under my immediate notice is a case in point. The commandant of our battalion was of great social qualities, but a hot-tempered Irishman. 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